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The Honorable John D. Dingell
Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Commerce
Room 2125, Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6115

Dear Representative Dingell:

The following response to your questions has been prepared by my staff.

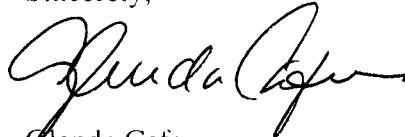
- 1) No. N/A.
- 2) The Commission has not requested this of Congress. Same. The Commission has not requested congressional action of any time specific to the subject of Retail Wheeling.
- 3) Assuming Congressional action does not preempt existing state authority, Commission can address for utilities under its jurisdiction.
- 4) Our Commission does not have state statutory authority to allow retail electric competition.
- 5) Federal constitutional issues have not been investigated by the Commission as they relate to the general subject of retail electric competition.
- 6) This depends on specific legislation. State legislative action required for implementing most retail schemes.
- 7)
 - a. No.
 - b. This information has not been gathered. Recommend historic DOE/EIA information.

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- 8) Overall statewide electric rates have decreased slightly across all customer classes. No specific trend analysis has been perform. Recommend historic DOE/EIA data.
- 9) The Commission has an ongoing investigation into electric industry restructuring under generic docket number 193,930-U opened January, 1996. Because this question deals with issues encompassed by this ongoing investigation it would be inappropriate to respond at this time.
- 10) The commission has not done a comprehensive survey or a detailed analysis of the actions of other states.
- 11) With out specific detailed legislation this question cannot be answered.
- 12) The Commission has very limited jurisdiction over municipal electric utilities. Additionally, most retail electric cooperatives are allowed to deregulate their retail rates under state law.
- 13) Without specific detailed legislation this question cannot be answered. Currently, Commission is primarily funded by assessment on jurisdictional utility overall revenue, and on a docket basis.
- 14) No.
- 15) See response to question 9.

If you have further questions, please contact Larry Holloway, Chief of Electric Operations, of my staff. His phone number is (913) 271-3222 or e-mail him at l.holloway@kcc.state.ks.us.

Sincerely,



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